



Carlsbad Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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| Crime/Incident: | Less lethal force used | Case: | 11-5795 |
| Date: | September 22, 2011 | Time: | 0232 |
| Location: | Knowles and Davis | | |
| Suspect 1: | Michael Duke | Age: | 42 |
| Suspect 2: | | Age: | |
| Victim 1: | | Age: | |
| Victim 2: | | Age: | |

Summary: **OFFICERS USE NON-LETHAL FORCE TO CONTROL A MAN WITH A GUN.** On September 22, 2011, at approximately 0230 hours, Sergeant Lehan and other officers responded to a radio call of male subject who had just left a residence in the 900 block of Laguna with a gun and stating someone was going to be shot tonight. Sergeant Lehan located the subject at the intersection of Knowles and Davis holding a handgun in his hand. Officers Stephenson and Becker arrived at Sergeant Lehan's location. They heard Sergeant Lehan ordering the subject to put the gun down and he refused to comply and told Sergeant Lehan to shot him. Officers Becker and Stephenson also ordered the subject to drop the gun and he refused to comply with their orders also. While officers controlled the situation Sergeant Lehan obtained a department issued bean bag shotgun and again ordered the distracted subject, to drop the gun he continued yelling shoot me. Sergeant Lehan fired one bean bag round striking the subject in the abdomen area. The subject dropped the gun and fell to ground and was taken into custody and transported to the hospital. The officers examined the subject's gun and discovered it was an air soft handgun.

Sergeant Lehan demonstrated great restraint using a less lethal weapon instead of deadly force which could have resulted in serious injury or death in this instance

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